

Amendments to the Claims

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1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously presented) A method of treating a mammal suffering from cerebral embolism-induced cerebrovascular hyperpermeability which comprises injecting an amount of a hepatocyte growth factor into a cerebral ventricle of the mammal which amount is sufficient to ameliorate a symptom associated with embolism-induced disorder.

19-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the symptom is a decline in learning function, and the method results in an improvement in the decline in learning function.

26. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the symptom is a decline in memory function, and the method results in an improvement in the decline in memory function.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the mammal has a cerebral edema.